

U.S. Department of Energy Mentor-Protégé Program

Making Small Businesses More Competitive

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Program Purpose

- To develop eligible small businesses to enhance their qualifications to perform DOE contracts and subcontracts;
- To foster long-term business relationships between small and large businesses;



Purpose (continued)

- To assist small businesses in becoming more competitive;
- To seek to include eligible small businesses in mentoring relationships that are in non-traditional (for small businesses) energy-related technical areas.



Protégé Eligibility

- **Eligible small businesses include:**
 - 8(a) businesses
 - Other small disadvantaged businesses
 - Women-owned businesses
 - HUBZone businesses
 - Service disabled veteran-owned businesses



Protégé Eligibility

- Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU)
- Other minority institutions



Mentor Eligibility

- Must be a DOE prime contractor



Successful mentoring relationships:

Mentor:

Sharon Campbell

**Small Business Program Manager
Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC**

**Savannah River Site
Aiken, South Carolina**



Michael Evans
President & CEO
Gem Technologies
Tennessee



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